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SUBJECT { GENERAL Operations
SPECIFIC Transmittal of 2003

1. This Commander's Mission report, submitted as an attachment to the present dispatch, was delayed due to the conference held at 12th Air Force Headquarters and the TACC 21 June and the special conference held at 22 June.

2. The comments furnished in paragraphs C. 6 and C. 7 of the report are the results of the two conferences.

3. The personnel in attendance at the conference held in 22 June were Generals Turner, Everest, Putt, Irvin, Beebe, and Bradley, and . The purpose of the conference was to present the situation of the AQUATONE project to and the delicacy of the situation in regards to his visit to . General Everest briefly stated the mission of the project and enumerated some of the incidents and findings that have resulted since the beginning of active operations. He stated that the purpose of the project was to conduct of the Satellites and . This, it was originally hoped, could be done with immunity from radar surveillance of both friendly and enemy equipments. However, it has since been learned that friendly and, it is suspected, unfriendly radar can detect and follow the at any and all . These facts now being well proven, it is a question of whether AQUATONE operations should continue during the period of 's visit to and whether the security required by KUBARK can be maintained. was in full accord that during the period of his visit all operations of the project should be held up to prevent any embarrassment to him and ODYOKE. The second point, that of maintaining KUBARK security, was discussed, and it was after this discussion that directed that a message be transmitted to and that transmit cable to Project Headquarters. All in attendance approved of the messages as dispatched. It was pointed out to and staff that trying to conceal the nature of the AQUATONE operations was impossible when the Air Defense net could monitor the flights from take off to a deep penetration point and then pick them up on their way back to friendly territory. Under the present structure of the

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